

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 – 2:00 p.m. – Room C445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Chair
Sen. Margaret Dayton, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, House Chair
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Ross I. Romero
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff

Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Rep. Last and Rep. Moss were excused from attending the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Madsen, Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Dee, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Menlove were absent for the vote.

Ms. Steffen reviewed the meeting schedule for the Education Interim Committee and indicated there will be five additional meetings to study performance pay and differential pay.

Ms. Steffen noted that there will be a joint meeting with the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, State Board of Education, and State Board of Regents on July 10-11, 2008 in Cedar City.

2. Review and Implementation of S.B. 2, Minimum School Program Budget Amendments and S.B. 281, Use of Minimum School Program Nonlapsing Balances

Sen. Stephenson introduced this agenda item.

Mr. Larsen distributed and reviewed the handout, "2008 Bills Included in Enrolled S.B. 2, Minimum School Program Budget Amendments."

Mr. Larry Shumway, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education, distributed handouts, "2008 Proposed Board Rules Schedule," "Key Legislative Items," "Letter to the Utah State Legislature from Dr. Patti Harrington," and "2008 Public Education Legislative Summary." He reviewed the handouts and discussed actions and plans to implement S.B. 2 and S.B. 281.

3. Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Mr. Dean noted that the Utah State Office of Education convened a workgroup to discuss various issues relating to the USDB (Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind), including: 1) eligibility for services; 2) funding; 3) facilities; and 4) reorganization of the schools.

Mr. Karl Wilson, Utah State Office of Education, distributed and discussed a handout, "Utah State Office of Education Update - Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Legislative Workgroup." He gave the historical background of USDB, identified the workgroup's specific concerns, and reviewed the proposed recommendations.

Sen. Stephenson suggested that the Committee visit the USDB in Ogden.

Ms. Jan Ferre, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities, suggested that committee members also visit classrooms for the deaf and the blind in local school districts.

4. Student Restructuring

Mr. Karl Wilson, Utah State Office of Education, distributed and reviewed, "Utah State Office of Education Report - Restructuring of Title I Schools under NCLB." He reviewed the Title I school improvement requirements, Title I school improvement time lines, and Title I requirements for restructuring.

Ms. Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education, responded to committee members' questions.

Superintendent Charles Nelson, Uintah School District, discussed the restructuring of West Middle School. He noted that the school will be consolidated with Todd Elementary School to form a K-8 school.

Ms. Steffen distributed and reviewed the handout, "Restructuring Low-Performing Schools," and gave an overview of restructuring in other states.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dee, Rep. Holdaway, and Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.